

# Wine News

## **Giannola Nonino and the cry of Grappa**

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“We ask for a strict law, which doesn’t exist yet, for the protection of grappa, the same as for Cognac and Scotch Whisky”. The charge of the struggle to fill what is a true legislative void has been taken up by Giannola Nonino, the doyen of distillation in Italy, who the great writer Gianni Brera used to call “Our Lady of grappa”, the leader of the famous Friulian distillery that “invented” the single varietal grappa. Moreover, as she tells Wine News, “for over 30 years Nonino has been carrying on these requests, at the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Agriculture, and every time the decision has been postponed. This year we thought we could make it, but then the pressure of the lobbies blew everything up”. Simple requests but fundamental to make things clear in this sector. “We distillers – Giannola Nonino continues – want the transparency in the label, to give the consumer the possibility of being aware of what he/she drinks, who produced it and according to which method. For the law it is sufficient to indicate the name of the bottler, not the name of the distiller. We ask for the duty, not the possibility, of indicating in the label the name of the distiller, the name of the bottler and the distillation method”.